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Application Number	09/424,629
Filing Date	March 13, 2000
First Named Inventor	Simon Foote, et al.
Art Unit	1634
Examiner Name	Carla J. Myers
Attorney Docket Number	13203

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

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ii. Other _____

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i. Amendment/Reply iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other Combined Amendment & Pet. for 2mo. Ext. of Time

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

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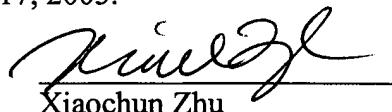
Sir:

In response to the Final Action dated January 19, 2005 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendment for entry in the above-identified case.

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